

REMARKS

Claims 18-48 remain in this application, claims 1-17 having been canceled by an amendment submitted on January 11, 2002.

In response to the examiner's requirement for election of species, it is requested that the examiner reconsider the requirement. The applicants strongly wish to include figure 1 in their election, but feel that they have not been given a chance to make such election. A better explanation of why the requirement should be reconsidered follows below.

However, to tentatively fulfil the requirement, for Group I, the species of figure 4 is elected. For Group II, figure 3 is elected.

It is firmly believed that claims 18, 20-23, 28-29, 34-35, 42, 45 and 48 are generic to all of the species. Claims 20, 26-27, 32-33, 38-40, 44 and 47 all read on the species as provisionally elected.

As to the Group I variants, the examiner is requested to consider that each of figures 1, 2, and 4 teach two pumps, 14, 15, with both pumps being in the same circuit, and that both pumps pump into the same reservoir 16, although figure 2 happens to show the reservoir in two sections 16', 16'' connected by pressure equalization line 26.

The only variance between these figures is the number of cylinders in the engine. Figure 1 represents a 4 cylinder engine, figure 2 an 8 cylinder engine, and figure 4 a 6 cylinder engine.

As to the Group II variants, again each of figures 3, 5 and 6 teach the same system, where only one controller 22 controls the pumps. Figures 3 and 6 represent a control in which controller 22 keeps the pumps phase displaced by 180 degrees, and figure 5 represents a situation where controller 22 keeps the pumps in phase.

It is requested that the examiner reconsider the election of species requirement, particularly so if the above explanation was not evident at the time that the initial requirement was made.

In considering this request to reconsider the election of species, the examiner should note paragraph 41 of the specification, particularly the last sentence of that paragraph, and the implications of that sentence. /

The above amendments have been made to place claims 37 and 39 in better US format. In particular, it was noticed that without these above changes, claims 37 and 39 were exact duplicates of claims 36 and 38.

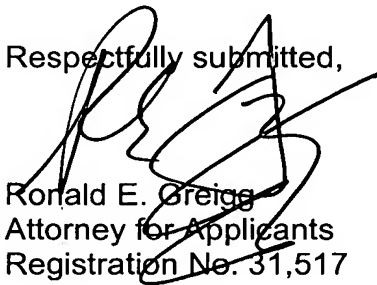
Further, it was noticed that the title of the invention as set forth on the filing receipt did not match the title as filed. On July 22, 2002 a request was made to correct the title. By an error, the title as submitted in the July 22, 2002 request was

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not correct, and accordingly this response includes a request to change the title to read the same as was reported in the filing receipt. In other words, the request to change the title dated July 22, 2002 should not be entered.

Entry of this response and amendment, and appropriate examination on the merits of the application are now respectfully solicited.

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